

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Kosunam Ravinder @ Chinna Rao, S/o. Sri Balaram, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District – Trapped by Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 19-05-2009 – Sanction for prosecution - orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 196

Dated:10-02-2010.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri Kosunam Ravinder @ Chinna Rao, S/o. Sri Balaram, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District during the period from 13-06-2008 to 19-05-2009 and by virtue of the post held by him, he is a public servant as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Bonkuri Shankar, S/o. Sri Rajamallu, is a resident of H.No.4-6-30, Jashuvanagar, Peddapally Village and Mandal, Karimnagar District. On 08-04-2008, Sri Kannuri Rajesh, brother-in-law of Sri Bonkuri Shankar had purchased open plot admeasuring 247.22 Sq.Yards, in Survey No.260, situated at Krishnanagar locality of N.T.P.C., within the limits of Ramagundam Municipality from Sri Pegadapally Durgaiah, S/o. Sri Rajaiah and Sri Mamidala Rajesham, S/o. Sri Ramaiah for a sale consideration of Rs.5,91,000/- and got registered the same in his name at the Sub-Registrar Office, Peddapally vide sale deed No.1263/2008. He handed over the copies of the said sale deed to Sri Bonkuri Shankar and requested to get the details of said open plot are entered in the Revenue of Records (Pahanies) in his name, as he is residing at Jamnagar of Gujarat State by virtue of his son's employment. Accordingly, Sri Bonkuri Shankar met the concerned Village Revenue Officer Sri Kosunam Ravinder @ Chinna Rao four months prior to the complaint and requested to include the name of his brother-in-law in Revenue of Records (Pahanies) duly submitting the copy of sale deed. On receipt of the copy of sale deed, Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer informed him that, the work would be completed within one month. After that Sri Bonkuri Shankar met Sri Kosunam Ravinder and enquired about his work. During the month of March, 2009, Sri Kosunam Ravinder informed Sri Bonkuri Shankar over cell phone that his work was completed and demanded Sri Bonkuri Shankar to pay an amount of Rs.6,000/- as bribe to give the copy of pahanies. Sri Bonkuri Shankar told him that his brother-in-law was unable to pay such huge amount;

3. And whereas, on 15-05-2009, Sri Bonkuri Shankar again approached Sri Kosunam Ravinder at the Office of the Tahsildar, Ramagundam and requested for pahani copies. On that Sri Kosunam Ravinder reiterated his earlier demand of bribe of Rs.6,000/- and threatened him that until and unless he pays the bribe amount, the pahani copies will not be handed over to him. As there was no option left, Sri Bonkuri Shankar reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount to Sri Kosunam Ravinder, after discussing with his brother-in-law. As Sri Bonkuri Shankar was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount to Sri Kosunam Ravinder, after consent of his brother-in-law, Sri Kannuri Rajesh, he approached the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Karimnagar on 18-05-2009 at 11:00 A.M. and lodged a Telugu written complaint against Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer with a request to take necessary legal action;

4. And whereas, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, F.A.C. Karimnagar Range, after due verification regarding the reputation of Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District and the antecedents of Sri Bonkuri Shankar obtained necessary permission from competent authority and registered a case in Cr.No.12/ACB-KNR/2008, under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) at 05:30 A.M. on 19-05-2009 and took up the investigation;

5. And whereas, Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District demanded and accepted an amount of Rs.6,000/- as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration from the said Sri Bonkuri Shankar at his residence which is situated at Q.No.H-54, 'C' Colony, Ramagundam Village and Mandal, Karimnagar District on 19-05-2009 at about 09:10 A.M. and he was trapped by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Warangal Range, F.A.C. Karimnagar Range. The tainted currency notes of Rs.6,000/- was recovered at his instance from the top of the table in the front room of his residence, which is being used for office purpose, in the presence of mediators. The both hand fingers of Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, yielded positive results, when subjected to sodium carbonate solution test. Dust collected from the portion of table which came into contact with tainted amount subjected to chemical test and it also yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau seized the tainted amount of Rs.6,000/- with the attestation of mediators. The connected record/documents have been seized from the instance of Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, with the attestation of mediators;

6. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District from Govt. Service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., First Information Report, pre-trap and post-trap proceedings, final report and the gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents placed before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the above said Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District, should be prosecuted in a court of law, for the aforesaid offences;

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Kosunam Ravinder, Village Revenue Officer, Medipally Village, N.T.P.C. of Ramagundam Mandal, Karimnagar District for the offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read-with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49

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of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER